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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-16 and 19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-16 and 19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08/19/2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendments, filed 03/31/2006, have been entered and made of record. Claims 17-18 are cancelled and claims 11-16 and 19 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 11-16 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ando (US Pat. No. 6,763,180).

Regarding claim 11, Ando discloses a recording medium on which still picture information is recorded for reproduction on one or more output devices, the recording medium comprising:

stream files including still pictures (see col. 5 lines 46-55),
play list files which order still pictures to be played (see col. 12 lines 26-35, col. 22 lines 29-35 and fig. 7A); and
play list marks that correspond to the still pictures (see col. 30 lines 17-37 and claim 2);
wherein:
each of said play list files has one or more play items (see col. 12 lines 26-35),

each of said play items corresponds to one or more still pictures, each of said play items includes start information indicating a presentation start time and end information indicating a presentation end time for a still picture, and each of said play items indicates a presentation time of the still picture (see col. 19 lines 17-20, col. 20 lines 60-65 and col. 23 lines 7-14 and figure 3D),

each play list mark is associated with only one corresponding still picture (see col. 13 line 53-col. 14 line 50, col. 23 lines 7-14 and col. 16 lines 39-50), and

the still picture is reproduced on the one or more output devices (see figure 11).

Regarding claim 12, Ando discloses start information is in the format of S_VOG_SA and end information is in the format of E_S_VOB_ENTN (see col. 17 lines 39-48. It is the designer's choice to set the format).

Regarding claim 13-14, the limitations of claims 13-14 can be found in claims 11-12. Therefore claims 13-14 are analyzed and rejected for the same reason as discussed in claims 11-12 respectively.

Regarding claim 15, Ando discloses an information reproducing method for reproducing still picture information from a recording medium on which is recorded stream files including still pictures, play list files which order still pictures to be played, play list marks that correspond to the still pictures wherein each of said play list files has one or more play items, each of said play items corresponding to one-or more still pictures each of said play items including start information indicating a presentation start time and end information indicating a presentation end time for a still picture, and wherein each play list mark is associated with only one corresponding

still picture and with only one corresponding play list (see claim rejection of 11 above), said information reproducing method comprising the steps:

detecting said start information and said end information (see col. 11 lines 10-19 and col. 14 lines 25-35), and

controlling said presentation time of said still pictures in accordance with said detected start and end information (see col. 11 lines 10-19 and col. 20 lines 14-56).

Claim 16 is rejected for the same reason as discussed in claim 12 above.

Regarding claim 19, the limitations of claim 19 can be found in claim 11 above.

Therefore claim 19 is analyzed and rejected for the same reason as discussed in claim 11 above.

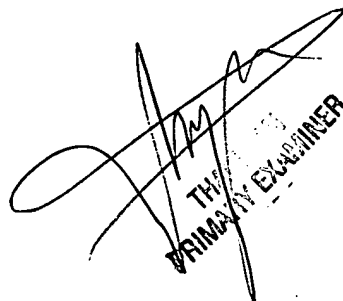
Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HELEN SHIBRU whose telephone number is (571) 272-7329. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, THAI Q. TRAN can be reached on (571) 272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Helen Shibru
June 23, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink is written over a rectangular stamp. The stamp contains the text "THE" on the top line and "PRIMARY EXAMINER" on the bottom line, both in a bold, sans-serif font.